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"SELECTED ODES OF HORACE"

[TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH VERSE BY G. R. SAYER.]

We are very doubtful if there are more than fifty persons in Hongkong to whom Horace is anything else but a mere name, or, possibly, a sinister memory of their schooldays. It is fortunate, therefore, that we have to recommend Mr. Sayer's little book, not as an example of Latin translation, wherein the reader must wrestle with text-books and dictionaries, but as a very readable collection of lyric verse. Those who have kept up their "Humanities" these ten or twenty years (as obviously he is to Mr. Sayer) Horace is a companion, philosopher, and friend will, perhaps, enjoy the book more keenly, and will pause at times—as we have done—to break a lance with the author over a particular rendering. They will also appreciate the neat Sapphic stanzas of dedication. But, considered simply as specimens of English lyrics, the poems are excellent and should appeal to all who care at all for poetry.

We had known Mr. Sayer as an author of many pieces of light prose, written somewhat in the manner of A.A.M.: at least one of his productions found the great hour of a place in Punch. But we confess we are surprised to find him so skilled in the art of versification. The spirit of his work is largely that of the Georgian Poets of the period, from Rupert Brooke's poems, written while still at Rugby, down to the present day. But there appear at times traces of a madder almost Elizabethan in his diction; e.g., "Queen of the isles, with incense free Glyceria calls to thee; From thy chosen Cyprus come Unto her pretty home."

Regarding from the point of view of word-music, the verses are better, we think, when a simple form of metre is adopted; although, of course, the more complicated forms relieve and vary the others, and difficulties of translation demand various vehicles of conveyance. It is probably a matter of ear, to us, however,

"For thou should'st only contemplate The things that fit thine own estate, And hold it sacrifice to try To climb the Unpermitted sky With one who cannot bear thy weight."

sounds less melodious and more forced than the perfectly smooth and natural rhythm of

"The Gods have heard, have heard my prayer,

And you are old; and still you play And still you drink your shame away, Hoping that men will think you fair.

And this is quite as close a translation. It is a little difficult to select any piece as being of merit much beyond the others. The "Winter's Song" (p. 6 and 7) is, to our mind, very fine work, but it is sadly marred by the last stanza. The fifth is delightful:

"Ere old age, white-haired and sour Turns your strength to sadness, Haste to fix the trusting hour, Youth's the time for gladness, Lover, hark! By square and park Gentle whisperings in the dark."

But then—that dreadful word "snigger." It isn't Horace—"gratus puellae risus ab angulo"—which, surely, is pleasant ripple of girlish laughter. The urchin who peeps through the park-pallings and overhears the lovers is the sort of person who "sniggers." You may say our translation does not rhyme with "figure." Nor, we reply, does "snigger." Further, the double-rhyme—and a faulty one at that—at the end destroys the completeness of the metre.

There are one or two points like this—especially the occasional use of a modern name, Charlie and Rudolph—which grate on the ear, and we hope that when Mr. Sayer reprints these and gives us some more of his verse (as we trust, he will) he will amend these faults. We should also like to see some experiments in English Alcaics, for we believe Mr. Sayer could reproduce the metre. It can be done, and has been done in many moods, from Tennyson's noble poem "Milton."

"Milton, a name to resound for ages," to Bret Hart's humorous imitation "Which my name is Bowers, and my crust was busted

Falling down a mine in Calaveras country And I'd take it kindly if you'd send the pieces

"Home to old Missouri."

Surely between these extremes lies a possibility of the translation of one or two odes.

As a translator in verse Mr. Sayer has managed to keep surprisingly close to the Latin. Nearly every word, if not definitely translated, is at least hinted at or implied. This is unusual in metrical translations—very unusual. On page 5 the mistranslation "graced" is far more poetical than "graced," which was, we believe, the original reading. But the latter is correct. Horace is speaking of Ellina's, not of face-powder.

We find it difficult to name our favourite. All are good; the "Bandusian Spring" is delightful. But for neatness of translation and verse-craft we incline to the "Vixi puellis" ode.

A VETERAN RETIREE:
Match for any girl was I
Not so long ago;
Nor without some gallantry
Have I faced the foe.
Now my arms return to store
And my life shall strive no more.

Orowbar, battering ram and torch,
Venus of the sea,
Threatening once the frowning porch,
I besought thee to—
To the wall to be applied
That protects thy lucky side.

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PARODIERA RUSTICANA.

[By O. J. J.]

I'll write these songs in parody,
Strange a kite with pen and ink,
Wild words to cheat thee of a sigh
Or drive thee to a drink.

VERSE I.

Rubber Point.
(A psalm of Modern Life).
Tell me not in mournful numbers
Life is a synthetic mess,
We have got our *Kwida Lumpurs*.
We still hold our F.M.S.

Life is real, life is earnest
In the land of the Malay,
Rubber whoso'er thou turnest:
Pam-rara boom-de-ay!

Neither sharp set-backs nor crises
Daunt us on our *Sungei Way*,
Ours the *Golden Hope* that prices
Will recover, come what may.

Lives of rich men all remind us
We can boss the British Islands,
And, departing, leave behind us
Linggis, Vallambrosas, Highlands;

Han-roosts which a needy statesman,
Searching with an eager ken
For the rich men (How he hates 'em!)
Seeing may take toll again.

Let us then *Kepong* unflinching
With a heart for any fate;
Buck up, buck up, while we wait!
Back up, buck up, while we wait!

ROBBERIES.

VALUABLE STORES STOLEN FROM A SHIP.

Nine coils of rope and three deck awnings valued at \$1,070 were stolen from the store-room of the s.s. *Kwida Yik* early yesterday morning, between the hours of one and four o'clock. The Chief Officer of the vessel who reported the matter to the Police, stated that the locks of the store-room were forced.

ARMED ROBBERY.

An armed robbery took place at No. 13, Peel Street, third floor, on Thursday night. Four men entered the floor. One of them was armed with a dagger. One of the gang said that he was a policeman and asked for the tenant of the floor against whom he had a grudge. The tenant was forthcoming and he was gagged with a handkerchief, and robbed of \$30 in cash and \$350 in deposit receipts. From the man's cubicle they stole a quantity of clothing valued at \$15.30.

OWLS AS FOOD FOR MAN.

MAGISTRATE EXPRESSES HIS SURPRISE.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. Lindsay at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, with selling owls as food for man without the requisite licence, his Worship expressed surprise, saying "owls as food for man, why I never heard of it!"

Sergeant Elston stated that at certain seasons of the year they were sold as food in the Western Market. The Court interpreter also confirmed that they were sold for human consumption.

The defendant was fined \$10.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Ilbert & Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report, of December 1st, says:—
With the exception of a strong demand for coarse native cloths for the North, probably for military purposes, trade remains in the same depressed condition for the reasons frequently given in our recent issues, to which it is unnecessary to refer again except to say that as time goes on the prospects of a return to a state of order and security in the various provinces grow worse rather than better. There is some hope that certain outlets may take some supplies off the market before the end of the year, rather than wait till the Spring when prices are very likely to go against them in view of the impossibility of replacement, but beyond that there is very little cause for optimism at the moment.

In view of the above it is surprising to read in a Reuters telegram in the Press to-day that Sir Edwin Stockton has made the statement that the Chinese piece goods trade showed a prospect of returning to normal conditions. To those on the spot there is very little to support this statement as it is now more than ever impossible for China to place orders with manufacturers in spite of the certainty of short supplies in the spring.

Queen and goddess that dost hold
Cyprus' happy fate,
Memphis free from Thracian cold,
Haste aloft thy sail!

And to Chloë's scornful look
Deal one gentle little smack."
The book is well printed and is published by Messrs. Noremba & Co. at the price of one dollar. We think it is worth it! We heartily recommend our readers to get a copy. They will find much enjoyment therein. We congratulate Mr. Sayer on his work and we hope he will give us more, lest we remember what Dr. Johnson said of Gray and quote it!

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY MATCHES.
HONGKONG LEAGUE.

DIVISION I. Kick-off at 4 p.m.
R.G.A. v. H.M.S. *Titania*, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Hollands.
King's Regt. v. Kowloon, Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Williams.
H.M.S. *Ambrose* v. South China, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.
H.M.S. *Hawkins* v. Hongkong Club, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Tyldesley.
H.M.S. *Durban* v. Hongkong Police, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Garton.

DIVISION II. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
R.G.A. v. H.M.S. *Titania*, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Davies.
H.M.S. *Hawkins* v. H.M.S. *Durban*, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Cook.
H.M.S. *Marazion* v. United A.C., Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Blumson.
Hongkong Police v. St. Joseph's, Club ground. Referee: Mr. Collins.
Warders v. H.M.S. *Ambrose*, Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. White.
South China "B" v. Fleet Auxiliaries, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Bunton.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.
Kowloon v. King's Regt., Railway ground, Kowloon. Referee: Mr. Perryman.
The *Carlisle* having left port their match with the *Tamar* is postponed.

MID-WEEK MATCHES.

Matches played in mid-week resulted as follows:—

HONGKONG LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
H.M.S. *Titania*... 4 H.M.S. *Carlisle*... 0
UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
King's... 1 H.M.S. *Hawkins*... 1
H.M.S. *Ambrose*... 3 R.G.A. ... 0
H.M.S. *Durban*... 4 H.M.S. *Titania*... 0

DIVISION II.
King's... 2 R.G.A. ... 1
H.M.S. *Marazion*... 6 H.M.S. *Durban*... 0
H.M.S. *Hawkins*... 2 H.M.S. *Foxglove*... 1

The R.G.A. receive the *Titania* on the "A" ground at Sookunpoo and a fast game should end in a win for the military team. The sailors who have a couple of new men out this week, are expected to give the gunners a good run. The R.G.A. were very unfortunate not to share the points last week against the Club. They went down also to the *Ambrose* in mid-week.

The King's are also at Sookunpoo this week with Kowloon as opponents. The military team should maintain their position at the head of the League table at the close of a strenuous game.

At Happy Valley the Club meet the *Hawkins* on the South China ground and the sailors are confident of maintaining their unbeaten certificate. However, the Club have put in some good work this season although greatly handicapped through injuries, and they may be the first team to beat the *Hawkins* this season. A fast game will be seen and the Club, strengthening their attack, should get home.

South China are expected to beat the *Ambrose* on the Navy "A" ground, but the former will have to go all the way if they wish to take both points. Their play against the *Titania* last week has given their supporters confidence and they are looking for the South China to win to-day. The sailors have a well balanced side and a drawn game would not come as a surprise. On recent form the *Ambrose* should win.

The *Durban* meet the Police on St. Joseph's ground and, on their showing in mid-week football, should win. They had several new men out against the *Titania* on Wednesday last and won by four clear goals. The Police are expected to turn out a stronger team to-day, owing to recent arrivals, and they are out for their first win. A fast game should end in favour of the sailors by a narrow margin.

In the Junior division the games at Sookunpoo will be worth watching. The R.G.A. meet the *Titania* on the "A" ground and the sailors can field quite a good side. The gunners gave the King's a hard game in mid-week and went down by the odd goal in three. On the "B" ground the *Marazion* and United are due to meet and the Navy team can put up a good show. They lost to South China "A" last week after having most of the play.

The King's are due at Kowloon to-day and should prove a good draw. The leaders are confident of keeping their position, but they will find Kowloon a hard lot on their own ground. The King's should win.

The *Hawkins* will be out to take the points against the *Durban* and strengthen their position for Championship honours. A good game should see the flagship winners, South China "B" after a week's rest should have an easy game with the Fleet Auxiliaries. The *Ambrose* should account for the Warders who appear to have some new men by the team published. The Police and St. Joseph's match should end in a win for the College team.

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MORPHIA SEIZED ON "NIKKO-MARU."

AUTHORITY OF SHANGHAI CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER QUESTIONED.

The Shanghai Evening News of December 1st says:—
Customs officers report that carrying of opium on a large scale has been practically suspended, so far as local trade is concerned. But not so other dope.

Another big seizure of morphia is reported to have been effected this week in Shanghai. The N.Y.Y. *Nikko Maru* (Capt. Shimomura) arrived here from Japan on Wednesday, and as usual the Maritime Customs searching party went on board. Hidden away in a secluded spot they found morphia to the value of Tls. 40,000.

It was immediately confiscated. The ships' officers, it is said, offered strong opposition to the official seizure, and it is further alleged that the management of the N.Y.K. took a view that cargo carried on Japanese ships was more or less sacrosanct. Even the Customs men could not so casually remove a consignment of morphia from Japanese boats.

The situation speedily developed. Communication was established with Customs headquarters, and the facts presented in correct order. In the meantime the Customs men guarded the morphia on board the *Nikko Maru*.

The Commissioner of Customs exercised his authority and the privileges vested in him as the man responsible for "work afloat" in this port, and ordered that all work—export and import—be suspended until an apology had been tendered to him as the head of the Customs by the Japanese Consul-General.

This measure had a wonderful influence on all concerned in the departure of the N.Y.K.'s *Nikko Maru*, and the apology was immediately forthcoming. Work proceeded. The morphia was confiscated and carefully carried ashore.

The Japanese asked for an official receipt for the consignment of smuggled "anow" but it was not presented. They have had to be content with an ordinary cargo receipt.

U.A.C. v. H.M.S. "MARAZION."

The following will represent the United Athletic in this second division League fixture, to-day, on Sookunpoo "B" ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m. sharp:—Urquhart, Jackson and Chilton; Kent, Leonard and Derry; Botelho, Mackenzie, Brown, May and Chubb.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following team to represent the Club in their League game with the H.M. *Hawkins* on the South China ground, at 4 p.m. to-day:—Rodger, Bishop, McCubbin, Irsnel, Stewart, McPhail (capt.), McTavish, Forsyth, Begg, Valentine and England.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F.C. v. H.M.S. "TAMAR."

The following team will represent the Hongkong F.C. v. H.M.S. *Tamar*, at Happy Valley, to-day, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.:—Moormann, Day, Logan, Prowse and Ritchie; Morrison and Lamplugh; McCann, Andrews, Moncreif, Rodger, Brown, Jones, Wittichell and Cameron.

CRICKET.

NAVY v. K.C.O.

In this friendly match against the Navy at Happy Valley, at 2.15 p.m., to-day, the following have been selected to play for the K.C.O.:—B. D. Evans, H. H. Benson, C. J. Stapleton, W. Fraser, T. M. Cochran, E. Pestonji, O. Dance, Capt. E. G. Spinks, G. A. V. Hall, S. Jex and L. A. L. Duncan.

K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.E.

At 2.15 p.m. to-day on the Kowloon ground, Kowloon team:—A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, B. Petheram, W. Hyde, J. C. Fletcher, N. L. Bailton, C. W. Jeffries, H. Overy, R. E. Lindell, W. B. Haslett and F. G. Herridge.

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THE "SUI AN" PIRACY COMMISSION.

CAPT. BIRSE GIVES EVIDENCE.
VIEWS ON MEASURES OF PROTECTION.

Some interesting evidence was given at the fifth day's sitting of the Sui An Piracy Commission yesterday.

Capt. R. A. Birse, master of the vessel, told his story, and was closely examined by Mr. J. R. Wood (Chairman of the Commission) on the Piracy Regulations, and how they were carried out.

Capt. Birse said he had been in charge of the vessel since 1908. She was built in Shanghai, and in 1919 was brought down to Hongkong for reconstruction. When the Piracy Regulations were made, he was asked to serve on the Commission but was unable to do so.

The witness was then questioned as to the thoroughness with which the Regulations were carried out. He said that the last time the police examined the arms and ammunition was during the strike, although an inspector boarded the ship a month ago and took a sample of ammunition from each of the guards. He personally inspected the ship's arms and ammunition once a week, but the inspection of the guards' weapons, etc., he left to the sergeant. All the guards were ex-Service men and thoroughly trustworthy.

Asked whether the certificated officers carried revolvers whilst in the danger zone, in accordance with the Regulations, Capt. Birse replied that some of his officers could not fire revolvers, and were afraid to carry them. "I thank God," he said, "that I had none, otherwise I should not be here to-day." No regular search of the passengers was made at Macao.

THE CAPTAIN'S STORY.

The Captain went on to say that on November 19th, just before the boat got into Macao Harbour, he saw a Chinese lady and gentleman sitting on the deck. He chatted with them for a while, and the man said they had been to Canton, and added that he was born in California. Witness asked him if his wife spoke English and received an affirmative reply. He did not see them again, but he understood they came back with the ship from Macao and landed with the pirates.

At about 5.35 p.m. that day he left the bridge and went on deck with two Shanghai friends of his to see the sunset. At about five or ten minutes to six he heard shouts below. This was not unusual as there was always fighting and quarrelling going on down there. He went down to investigate and had only gone a few paces when he heard a cry of "Pirates." He rushed towards the bridge, and noticed one or two pirates on the starboard side of the deck. He had just time to say to his guards "Follow me!" when he was shot in the shoulder and "howled over."

There were two guards standing in the centre of the bridge and they rang the alarm bell.

Replying to the Chairman, Capt. Birse said: "I was shot from behind like a rabbit and fell under No. 2 boat. I had not been down very long when one of the pirates rushed up to me to see whether I had any arms. I was left there until later that night when one fellow came along and looked into my face. Another man came and hit me on the head with the butt of his revolver. I was helpless, and the same man came along later and did the same thing."

SKIPPER PLEADS FOR LIFE.

The captain went on to say that he saw six of the pirates in consultation. They eventually came up to him with the intention of throwing him overboard. He pleaded with them, and said he had never done them any harm so why should they kill him; and then they carried him into a cabin.

He understood that a lot of the pirates were travelling first class though he was unable to say so from his own knowledge.

The ship's officers might have put up a fight, but it would have been hopeless. The guards did all they could, but they were greatly outnumbered.

Commander Beckwith: Have you ever had down any stations for the officers and crew in the event of trouble?

Witness: Well, yes, for the guards only. I had arranged that they should concentrate on the bridge, where they could get behind the doggers and it would have been possible to fire the rockets.

Commander Beckwith: Would rockets have been any good?

Witness (doubtfully): They might have been seen from Macao.

THE PROBLEM OF RESISTANCE.

Asked by the Hon. Mr. O. McL. Messer what was the best way to resist pirates, Captain Birse said he had thought it over many times, but it was a very difficult problem. Some said "Put your hands up," others said "Put your feet up." If, Capt. Birse added, "You put up a fight, they will probably burn the ship and a lot of innocent lives would be lost. If the fire alarm is sounded the pirates can take the bridge and take the ship without firing a shot."

Witness explained that on the sound of the fire alarm, the grills would be thrown open following the third-class passengers to overrun the decks.

Hon. Mr. Messer: Do you think the Piracy Regulations are any good?

Witness: Well, a little, but nothing to depend upon. I had little chance even with six guards.

PIRACY DEFENCES INEFFECTIVE.

Capt. Lake: Take the Piracy defences—their disposition; do you think that they were effective?

Witness: No.

Could you have improved upon them?—Yes; if the grills had been a little differently arranged things would have been better.

Did you ever suggest it to the company?—No.

Replying to Mr. Shenton, the captain said it was impossible to keep the grills closed with such a large number of passengers aboard.

Mr. Shenton: The guards have instructions to rush to the bridge immediately the alarm bell is rung!—That was what happened in this case, but the guards were stopped on the deck below.

Do you regard the engine room as being under the charge of the Chief Engineer?—Yes, and he knows the Regulations. He is an old servant and ought to know as well as the master.

ARMS UNPOPULAR AT SEA.

Mr. Shenton: Is this carrying arms by the officers popular or unpopular?

Witness replied that it was very unpopular, adding that "a man had to be a Captain Kettle" in these days if he was to carry out all the Piracy Regulations.

Mr. Shenton: On your way back from Macao did you notice the Chinese lady on board?

Witness: No.

Replying to further questions Captain Birse said it was up to the comrades and the purser to keep the grills locked. They were both in charge of large amounts of money.

In reply to Mr. H. K. Hung (who represented the comrades) the captain said he had once found occasion to speak to the purser as to misuse of the grills. He had not had occasion to speak to the comrade.

Mr. F. G. Vaux (representing the Imperial Merchant Service Guild): In the case of piracy, the officers and the guards are to make for the bridge; the Indian guards, I believe, were instructed in that, but were down below and could not get up the companion way. Now, it has been said that these guards had not the full amount of ammunition; have you any remarks to make about that?

Witness said that the Indian guards would sometimes discharge rifles by accident and he considered this to be dangerous to the passengers. It had happened on several occasions.

Mr. Vaux: Do you think if the full amount of ammunition had been issued it would have prevented the piracy?

Captain Birse replied that if the guards had been shot it would have meant a large quantity of ammunition falling into the hands of the pirates. All the ammunition was handy in his cabin and could be obtained at a moment's notice.

Mr. Vaux asked further questions regarding the statement made by the sergeant of the guard, that Capt. Birse changed the police orders.

Witness denied this and said the only reason he could suggest for its being made was that he had reprimanded the guards for searching for opium.

Mr. Vaux: Your first officer was only with you for three days; did you at any time give him instructions?

Witness: Well, I had not any time, but I had reason to believe that he knew the Regulations.

EXPERIENCES OF THE QUARTERMASTER AND COMPADORE.

Evidence was next given by the Chief Quartermaster of the Sui An, who said that he deceived the pirates by telling them that he was a passenger. They did not press him when he told them that he was just an ordinary passenger. He was not dressed in uniform at the time.

The Compadore said that when the piracy began he was proceeding from the third class to the second class, collecting fares. The first shot appeared to come from the direction of the comrade's office. Shooting began immediately, and he lay down on the deck for safety. He avoided going to the comrade's room, and later managed to creep unobserved into the steward's room where he remained for the night. He did not see any woman pirates, nor could he say if any of the pirates travelled as first-class passengers.

The Portuguese tallyman said he saw a woman dressed in a blue jacket in the second class compartment at Macao, just before the boat left the wharf side. When the pirates broke out he saw her jumping up and firing at an Indian, who returned her fire. She appeared to be about seventeen years of age, and was dressed in Chinese style.

Replying to the Chairman, witness said he did not notice the colour of her stockings.

The Chairman: Was the woman wounded?

Witness: I saw the Indian firing at her, but whether she was wounded or not I cannot say.

The Chairman: Did you see a second woman robber?

Witness: No.

Replying to a question by Mr. Shenton as to whether or not he opened the grill on the day in question, as it was alleged he reported to Mr. Arnold on the return of the Sui An, the tallyman said he did not actually open the grill, but he opened the shutter (a kind of battery hatch) in the grill, and through this he passed. He did not open the grill himself.

The Commission resumes on Monday afternoon.

AMERICAN MARINES SENT TO PRISON.

CONVICTED OF FALSE PRETENCES AND STEALING.

On charges of obtaining goods by false pretences, including a quantity of silk from a Chinese piece goods dealer in Jervois Street, four gold rings from a Chinese shop-keeper at No. 208, Queen's Road Central, and of stealing a ring from another Chinese shop at No. 204, Queen's Road Central, the four American marines of the U.S. Helena, were yesterday afternoon convicted to various terms of imprisonment.

The defendants were 1st Sergeant Joseph Plumadore, Corporal John Joseph Montgomery, Private Frank Van Ashley, and Private Charles Henry Bytheway.

They put in a plea of "not guilty" on all charges.

Regarding the allegations of false pretences it was said that the defendants entered various shops and presented Russian bank notes (principally 25 roubles notes) in payment for goods purchased by them, representing that these notes were American currency. As to the theft of the ring, one of the four defendants was alleged to have extracted the ring from its stand, but covered up his tracks by bargaining for a quantity of jewellery which he had selected.

At yesterday's hearing interesting evidence was taken of the finding of some Russian bank notes, in one of the prisoners' cells. Giving evidence on this point Chief Warder J. C. West of the Victoria Gaol said that on the previous morning he was reported to him by the Indian Assistant Warder that a Chinese prisoner in cleaning out the cell where the prisoners were detained had found six pieces of rouble notes. These pieces were handed to him and, on piecing them together he found them to be one 25 rouble note and the greater part of a one-hundred rouble note and a piece of another one-hundred rouble note.

A Chinese prisoner gave evidence of finding the torn bank notes in a tin containing water, which was placed in the cell.

The first defendant told his Worship that prior to being sent to the cells for detention they were searched twice in the admission-room and nothing was found on them. He asked for the warder, who made the search, to be called.

The Magistrate: It is admitted that you were searched twice in the gaol, and that the search was even more rigorous than that carried out by the police. I have got that on my notes.

The story of the theft of a silk store at No. 2, Possession Street, was next told to the Magistrate. The accountant of the store said that when the Marines entered the store they were accompanied by a poor-looking Chinese, who acted as interpreter for them. Their interpreter asked for some silk to be shown to the Marines, who, after examining it, said they would take 15 yards. The third defendant then tendered a note bearing the number 25. The accountant refused to take the money and suggested they should change it at a money changer's and come back. They trooped out of the shop, but never returned.

The story of the theft of the ring was next told by a member of the staff of the Wah Tam Jeweller's shop, No. 204, Queen's Road Central. The four defendants entered the shop and asked to be shown some rings. A plaque containing a number of rings was handed to them. It was noticed that a ring (produced in Court) had been taken from the plaque. The third defendant afterwards selected two pairs of bangles and two rings and for these he offered \$52. This price was agreed to and the defendant produced a number of notes, including one or two Hongkong dollar bills. The other notes bore the number 25. He refused to accept the notes and the defendant put them back into his pocket and left the shop. Directly he had gone he noticed that a gold ring was missing. He failed to find it and about a quarter-of-an-hour later he heard that four Americans had been arrested. He then went to the Police Station and made a report. A ring was found on the second defendant, which he recognised as the one taken from his shop.

After further evidence had been taken the Magistrate found the case proved, and sentenced the defendants to the following terms of imprisonment:—Plumadore, three months; Montgomery, nine weeks; Ashley, nine weeks; and Bytheway, 14 days.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR FINED.

CARELESS BLASTING OPERATIONS.

Sang Lee, the well-known Chinese building contractor, was summoned before the Magistrate yesterday for failing to exhibit the necessary warning and novisounding a gong during blasting operations at 5 p.m. on the 3rd inst.

Inspector Kent informed the Court that at that hour he was walking along a path near the University Recreation Ground when the explosions took place without warning. Fragments of rock were hurled on to the path. Had he been an elderly 50 years further on he would probably have been hit by some of the pieces of rock. As it was, he obtained shelter behind a screen of trees.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100.

THE APPEAL COURT.
MR. NEMAZEE APPEALS AGAINST ARBITRATION AWARD.

In the Appeal Court, yesterday, before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies), Mr. Justice Skinner Turner, and Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, the hearing was commenced of an appeal by Mr. H. M. Z. Nemazee against an order made by the Chief Justice for the enforcement of an arbitral award. Counsel for the appellant was Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon & Harston), whilst Mr. Eldon Potter (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson & Griet) appeared on behalf of the respondents, the Yu Fong Steamship Co.

Mr. Jenkin explained that the appeal was in respect of an order made by the Chief Justice on August 5th, which gave the respondent leave to enforce the award by the summary process. The circumstances were that the appellant chartered four ships from the company, and disputes arose which were referred to the arbitration of Mr. Plummer. In January of 1932 an award was made. In April an application to enforce was made, and on August 5th the order was granted for \$45,000. The object of the application which was made against the order of enforcement, was to get the right from Mr. Nemazee to set up a cross demand for the sum of \$23,500, which sum had already been paid.

Counsel went on to explain that Mr. Nemazee alleged an overpayment and there was a cross demand which made a total of \$125,000. He claimed that the summary process of the Court should not run against him. The cross claim was more than the award by about \$75,000. It was his contention, also, when it happened, that on an application for summary enforcement of the award (under Section 12), respondent had what appeared to be a *bona fide* cross claim, then the summary process should be refused, and the applicant left to his own remedy for action, notwithstanding the fact that the cross demand was never before the Arbitrator, and notwithstanding, also, that it arose subsequent to the making of the award. Further, if the right to proceed summarily was doubtful, then again the applicant would be left to his remedy by action.

Counsel further said he would endeavour to establish that the practice before the Arbitrators was in accordance with this process, and that the Arbitration Act had not altered this practice, but had merely cheapened and expedited the procedure, leaving the practice itself unchanged.

Mr. Jenkin proceeded to explain his legal points, and the case is still in progress.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB.

HOME-GOING SERVICE MEMBERS ENTERTAINED.


An enjoyable smoking concert was held on Thursday night at the above Club, for the purpose of entertaining Service members who are proceeding to U.K. per H.M.S. *Vindictive*. Father Purcell was in the chair and those present witnessed turns by amateur talent which proved to be of a very high standard.

Father Purcell wished every one going home a safe voyage, and a happy leave on their arrival in the old country.

Mr. Bayley, an old friend of the Club, who is shortly leaving the Service, thanked the Club and its officials for their hospitality. He remarked on the democratic lines on which the Club was run, and the spirit of good fellowship which always prevailed.

The contributors to the concert were:—Father Purcell, Messrs. Haigh, Jenkins, Aquino, Coupe, Cawley, Fendergrass, Fane, Fisher, Prior, Thompson, Baptista, Botario, Bayley, McDonald and Archer.

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[1893]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB, will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHISON & CO. LTD., Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th day of DECEMBER, 1922, at 5.15 P.M.
To Receive from the Committee a Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1922.
To Consider, and if thought expedient, pass a Resolution continuing the additional subscription of \$2.00 per month until the 31st December, 1924.
To Elect Officers, Members of the Committee, and an Auditor for the coming year.
To Decide on any Resolution which may be submitted to the Secretaries and Treasurers four days prior to the Meeting.
Any Other Business.
By Order of the Committee,
PERCY SMITH, SEYMOUR FLEMING,
Secretaries & Treasurers.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1922.

Nominations for Members of the General Committee should reach the Secretaries and Treasurers not later than 5 P.M. on THURSDAY, the 14th DECEMBER, 1922. [1893]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"MENTOR"
are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 8th December. Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th Dec., will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th Dec., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1922. [1893]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "SIOLIA"

Arrived Hongkong on 8th DECEMBER, 1922.
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at risk at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 8 hours before arrival of the Steamer.
Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.
All claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1922. [1894]

REN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO', LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENDORAN"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Ltd., where and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th inst., will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 10 a.m.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1922. [1897]

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[1890]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9TH, 1922.

THE DIPLOMATIC BODY AND BRIGANDAGE.

A Peking paper a week ago computed that there were no fewer than fourteen foreigners, among whom are young boys and girls, in the hands of brigands in China, being held for ransom, while the number of Chinese held to ransom by brigands was reckoned to reach four figures. It is noteworthy that this brigandage occurs chiefly in the province of Honan, over which General Wu Peifu claims to exercise military control. The Ministers of France, Italy and the United States and the Charge d'Affaires of Great Britain and Sweden addressed to the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs, on November 16th, a lengthy Note calling "the very serious attention" of the Chinese Government to the state of affairs in the province of Honan, "where organized bands of brigands are ravaging the countryside to the grave danger of foreign life and property without any effective measures being taken for their suppression," and more particularly to the kidnapping and holding in captivity by these brigands of certain foreign subjects concerning whom individual representations have been made on various occasions to H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs "so far without the least result." The Note mentioned that two of these foreigners, French and Greek employes of the Lunghai Railway, were carried off while discharging their duties as long ago as August last. Others, missionaries of American, British, Italian and Swedish nationality, were kidnapped during October and November. All were still in captivity when the Ministers jointly protested on November 16th, and no news

has reached Hongkong yet that any of them have been liberated. It was incidentally pointed out in the Note that these foreigners were carried off into captivity in a province adjoining the province of Chihli, in which the Government of China is located, and that there are in the province in question large and well organized military forces, under the immediate command of Generals charged by the Central Government of China with the highest possible functions. The Ministers protested on behalf of their respective Governments against the failure of the Chinese Government to carry out its obligations to afford protection to their nationals in the province in question, and pointed out that the continued detention of these individuals in captivity is seriously damaging to the reputation of the Government of China, "since it must inevitably awaken grave doubts regarding either the will or ability of that Government to discharge its primary and fundamental international obligations." While reminding the Chinese Government of their responsibility for the safety of their fellow nationals in the province in question, the Ministers demanded of the Chinese Government that measures be taken to secure the immediate release in safety and the return to their respective homes of the individuals kidnapped, and that proper protection be afforded in the future to them and to others of their fellow nationals residing in the Province of Honan.

On the day before that protest was sent, a public meeting of foreign residents was held at Hankow which passed a resolution saying that it viewed with consternation the unchecked and growing lawlessness prevalent throughout China, which has recently culminated in the outbreak in Honan with its organized attack on foreign life and property. The resolution demanded that effective action be taken to secure the immediate release of the captives in the hands of the bandits, and that adequate steps be devised by the foreign Governments, through their representatives at Peking, to ensure the future security of their nationals in China. It demanded also that the Chinese Government maintaining law and order be at last enforced, and that the Chinese Government should be held strictly accountable for its failure in this regard. That resolution reached the Diplomatic Body on November 30th, though the Ministers doubtless had earlier knowledge of it through from newspapers. When the communication reached them officially the Ministers met on the same day and appointed an International Commission to represent them in Honan. This Commission was to meet yesterday (December 8th), at Chengchow, a delegation selected by Hankow Consular Body. No news of any improvement in the situation having reached the Legations by the end of the month the Diplomatic Body took the unusual step of handing to the Chinese Foreign Office a Note for transmission to General Wu Peifu in the following terms:—

"The Diplomatic Body finds that, owing to the prevalence of brigands in Honan, the lives and property, as well as the freedom of foreigners residing in that Province have been seriously endangered.
"The Diplomatic Body declares itself, therefore, entirely in sympathy with the representations made to the Chinese Government on November 16th by the representatives of the United States of America, Great Britain, France, Italy and Sweden, in consequence of the capture by brigands of several foreigners, a number of whom are still in their hands.
"As no satisfaction has been obtained from the repeated representations by the heads of the missions, separately and jointly, the Diplomatic Body intends to send a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into Honan and has taken this unusual step of requesting the Waichiaoou to forward this telegram to Your Excellency in order to insist on adequate measures being taken to restore order and safeguard foreign life and property in Honan, for the safety of which Your Excellency and the Governor and other high provincial officials, no less than the Chinese Government, must be held responsible."

The presence on the spot of an international "Commission of Inquiry" which will presumably be constantly worrying the Military Headquarters for information as to what measures are being taken and what success is attending them, will doubtless stimulate General Wu Peifu's activities in the matter, and the intimation that, for the safety of foreign life and property in Honan, General Wu and the Governor and other high officials no less than the Chinese Government "must be held responsible" should be additionally stimulating, especially if it is understood that this means legally as well as morally. We ask only "wait and see."

Mrs. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. and Mrs. T. Petrie returned from Home on the Kamo-maru.

A Chinese woman, living at No. 23, Park Street, attempted suicide on Thursday by taking opium. She is now in hospital.

The week's reports of the evidence taken by the Sui An Piracy Commission are reprinted in the Hongkong Weekly Press which is on sale to-day.

A Chinese who was charged at Shanghai last week with unlawfully making and selling opium pills admitted that he made a profit of about \$3,000 a month.

There are reports from Canton that a number of the Sui An pirates have been captured, but we are unable to obtain official confirmation of the report.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 25th, amounted to 75,550 tons, and the sales during the period to 39,280 tons.

Mr. J. Skinner Turner, Chief Judge of H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai, returning from home leave on the Kamo Maru broke his journey here to sit as a Judge in the Appeal Court. Mrs. Turner and daughter are continuing the voyage to Shanghai by the same steamer.

Mr. J. P. Braga, of Hongkong, introduced by Mr. Casanova, the Portuguese Consul-General, gave an informal talk at the Portuguese Club at Shanghai last week on, what the Portuguese have achieved in Hongkong, and urged his compatriots to work with unity in Shanghai, so that in the end they may attain the same success. He was listened to, a report says, with rapt attention. Mr. J. J. Souza thanked the speaker for his illuminating talk, which he hoped will produce some good result.

The two Cantonese soldiers, who were charged at the Magistracy, on Thursday, with travelling on the Kowloon-Canton Railway without having paid their fare, and with unlawfully having in their possession two daggers, were again before the Magistrate yesterday morning. Mr. Wood informed the defendants that he believed their story that they had journeyed to Hongkong instead Canton by mistake, and they would be discharged. He suggested that the Police should make arrangements for them to be sent back to Canton.

Mr. R. M. Andrews, managing director of the firm of Andrews & George, has been freed of the alleged charge of espionage for having travelled about the fortified zone off Misaki, in Kanagawa Prefecture, in a motor-boat. He will be tried, however, on a charge of having violated the navigation laws, as the boat was unlicensed and carried neither a licensed captain nor chief engineer. The public trial at the Tokio District Court will probably be held under the direction of Judge Inamoto and Procurator Furuta, says a Japan paper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PREVENTION OF PIRACY

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

Sir—They say that fools rush in where angels fear to tread—Well, sir, under a *nom de plume* I'll risk it.
As piracy is somewhat too prevalent in these days, and the grills are evidently not of much use, I beg to suggest that all passenger boats be fitted with a fighting-top or turret, well equipped with hand grenades, shot guns, etc., and in my humble opinion a Gatling placed could easily keep the bridge free of all pirates.—Enclosing my card, yours faithfully,
A YACHTSMAN
Swatow, December 7th, 1922.

THEATRE ROYAL

This evening at the Theatre Royal, a season of laughter and mystery will be commenced by those excellent illusionists Chetalo and Palermo. These artists have already carried the good opinion of Hongkong audiences, but the previous visit by no means exhausted Chetalo's repertoire of mysticism and he has much that is new, including the much-discussed "Sawing Through A Woman." Chetalo's performance is enlivened by flashes of real humour and his audience laugh quite as much as they wonder. Miss Palermo claims the distinction of being the only Lady Magician in the world. Despite the reputation of her sex, she manages to keep the secret of how she makes her bewilderingly rapid changes of costume.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[TELEGRAPH BUREAU'S AGENTS.]

U.S. SHIP SUBSIDY BILL.
PRESIDENT DEFEATS ALL CHANCE
OF ITS PASSAGE.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.
President Harding has defeated what little chance there was of the passage of the Ship Subsidy Bill, by writing to the chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, asking him to have struck out the amendments to the Bill adopted by the House.

The President intimates that he would rather see the Bill fail than have it passed in its vitiated shape, but, as the House will not agree to this, and, in fact, amendments had to be adopted to secure the votes necessary to pass the Bill through the House, the ship subsidy may now be regarded as an academic question rather than a legislative proposal.

WORLD PEACE.

INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS IN
AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.
President Harding in a letter read at the opening session of the conference on public opinion in regard to world peace, held by the International Lyceum of Chautauqua Association, expressed the hope that the discussions would point the way toward new advance into light and understanding. Many prominent Americans and foreigners are expected to address the conventions, including M. Clemenceau who will be the chief speaker to-morrow.

EARLIER CABLES.

IRELAND'S IRRECONCIL-
ABLES.

FURTHER OUTRAGES BY GUNMEN.

LONDON, December 7th.
Mr. Cosgrave announced in the Dail that Deputy Sean Hailes has been shot dead and Deputy Speaker O'Malley wounded. Both apparently were proceeding to the Dail when they were attacked by men armed with revolvers. Messrs. Hailes and O'Malley were starting in a hackney car from their hotel when seven men lurking in the vicinity fired revolvers. The assailants then separated and escaped. O'Malley has been operated on, and is now out of danger.

SIX NORTHERN COUNTIES REMAIN
OUTSIDE.

LONDON, December 7th.
A resolution in the form of an address to the Throne, voting six counties out of the Free State, moved by Sir James Craig, has been adopted by both Houses of the North Ireland Parliament. Sir James Craig declared that the moment the question arose of Ulster going under the Dublin Parliament, he would resign. He reiterated that the Northern Parliament would have nothing to do with the boundary commission. There could be no boundary adjustments unless an agreement existed among the border counties.

THE INSURANCE CO. FRAUD.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

LONDON, December 7th.
In connection with the liquidation of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company and associated companies, the Official Receiver announces that he has carefully considered the question of taking proceedings against the officers of the companies, who are apparently guilty of breach of trust, with a view to determining whether they can contribute to the assets as compensation. Summons have already been issued against some of the ex-officers of these companies.

FRANCE OPPOSED TO RUBBER
DUTY.ANOTHER PROPOSAL TO BE
RECOMMENDED.

PARIS, December 7th.
The Customs Committee of the Chamber, has rejected a proposal by M. Outry, Indo-Chinese Deputy, for a duty of two francs per kilogramme on imported rubber, but proposes to recommend the postponement of a premium on the production of native rubber with the object of encouraging producers in Indo-China.

INTERNATIONAL BANK
CONFERENCE.

PROPOSED BY BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 7th.
In the House of Commons, replying to a question, Mr. Baldwin said the Bank of England intended to act on the recommendation of the Genoa Conference, and summon an international conference of central banks to consider the stabilisation of currencies and exchanges. His Lordship's meeting would be possible before long.

THE STRAITS NEGOTIATIONS.
ALLIED PLAN THE BEST.

New York, December 7th.

The Associated Press correspondent at Washington says the question of whether the Government is prepared to participate in international control of the Straits still awaits an answer, but it can definitely be said that the United States is not committed to participation. Presumably the American attitude will be determined only after full consideration of specific proposals by the Allies. The *New York Times* says the inevitable consequence of Mr. Child's announcement is that the United States must be ready to co-operate in carrying out its own declared purpose. America's refusal to accept membership of the Straits control commission, the *New York World* says nobody proposed a plan for the Straits half so good as the Allied one, and unless Washington has something better up its sleeve, it must accept the proposal or eliminate itself from the discussion.

TURCO-RUSSIAN DISAGREEMENT.

LAUSANNE, December 7th.

There are reports of a divergence of Turkish and Russian views as regards the Allied Straits scheme, the former considering it forms the basis of further negotiations while Chicherin says he will not sign a settlement if the Russian demand for closing it to warships is not accepted. The Turks do not seem perturbed at the Russian attitude, declaring they are the party principally affected as regards the security of Constantinople, while the Black Sea question may be considered later.

EXCHANGE OF NATIONALS.

LAUSANNE, December 7th.

The American representative on the Minorities Sub-Commission has protested against the proposal for compulsory exchanges of populations except where necessary to secure humanitarian ends, and especially disapproved of the movement of Greeks from Constantinople. This statement has impressed the Turks, who will probably abandon their demand for the expulsion of the Greeks.

BRITISH COMMERCIAL
AEROPLANES.

A GOOD RECORD.

LONDON, December 7th.
In the House of Commons, the Secretary for the Air said the greatest mileage of a British commercial aeroplane in the regular cross-Channel service was 100,393, without an overhaul of the machine, which was still in perfect condition.

GERMAN FINANCE.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

BERLIN, December 7th.
In a speech before the Budget Committee of the Reichstag, Herr Hermes, the Finance Minister, announced that the Government's policy was close co-operation with the Allies in order to secure alleviation of distress and stabilisation of the mark and the economic reconstruction of Europe. He declared it might be necessary to make drastic decisions, always taking account of their compatriots in the Rhineland.

MR. WOODROW WILSON.
IMPRESSIONS OF M. CLEMENCEAU.

WASHINGTON, December 7th.
M. Clemenceau, after visiting Mr. Woodrow Wilson, declared he found him mentally alert and that he showed great clearness of view and precision of thought.

WOMEN'S PEACE LEAGUE.
CONFERENCE OPENS AT THE
HAGUE.

THE HAGUE, December 7th.
An international conference of the Women's League of Freedom and Peace has opened here, Miss Jane Adams of Chicago presiding.

A PSYCHO DRAMA.

"THE TORTURE TELLER."

However much they may scoff, however emphatically deny that there can possibly be "anything in it," most people succumb readily enough when somebody comes along and offers to tell them their fortunes. Nobody is quite free from superstition, and that is why "The Fortune Teller," which the Cornet management are screening for the next day or two, is attracting such wide attention. The heroine is a woman gifted with amazing psychic powers which she turns to good account in stimulating and urging her son to achieve success after success. This, too, after she herself has sunk to degrading depths so that her son never suspects her identity. It is difficult to tell whether her psychic power or the force of her innate mother-love is really the strongest influence but after all they must be something akin.

A JUDGE'S SUGGESTION.

A startling suggestion for sterilising certain persons was made by Mr. Justice Roche at the Old Bailey when sentencing a man charged with attempted murder. The evidence showed that the prisoner was an epileptic and had previously been convicted of assault. The Judge said the medical profession would perform a service if they studied earnestly the question of the feasibility of sterilising men and women with tendencies like the prisoner's, because allowing them to produce meant breeding from the worst stock and propagating disease and crime.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[TELEGRAPH BUREAU'S AGENTS.]

CHINA'S PREMIER.
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOTH HOUSES
OF PARLIAMENT.

PEKING, December 7th.

The reported nomination of Chang Shou Tseng as Premier will be placed on the agenda for Monday not to-morrow, as at first expected.

As the Constitution requires the endorsement of a permanent Premier by both Houses of Parliament, the Senate will hold a special meeting to-morrow, when the question of the speakership will again be discussed.

PARTY RIVALRIES.

Party rivalries still threaten to block the matter, and one group of Senators now propose to elect a temporary Speaker, so that the vote on the Premier'ship can be taken.

ATTENTION CENTRED ON PAOTING
MEETING.

Meanwhile, political attention is centring on the forthcoming gathering at Paotingfu, on the occasion of Tsao Kun's birthday, for which Wang Cheng Ping and Tsao Jui proceeded to Paoting last night.

There is reason to believe that the Paoting gathering will discuss the personnel of Chang Shou Tseng's proposed Cabinet. If powerful opposition to Chang Shou Tseng's Premiership arises, his nomination may be withdrawn.

WANG TAH HSIEH REITERATES HIS
INTENTION TO RESIGN.

PEKING, December 7th.

Wang Tah Hsieh (Acting-Premier) submitted a petition to the President yesterday, reiterating his intention to remain in office till December 10th, and to retire immediately thereafter, requesting that he be promptly relieved on that date.

THE PRESIDENT HAS ISSUED A CHILTING
Mandate acknowledging Wang Tah
Hsieh's communication.POLITICIANS AND OFFICIALS PRO-
CEED TO PAOTINGFU.

With the approach of Marshal Tsao Kun's birthday celebrations, to be held on Saturday, there is a general exodus of politicians and officials to Paotingfu.

SOVIET'S DRASTIC TREATMENT OF
CHINESE.PROTEST BY CHINESE CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE UNAVAILING.

PEKING, December 8th.
Advices from Kalgan state that the Red authorities at Urga are becoming more drastic in their treatment of Chinese residents.

The recent police order for the expulsion of unemployed Chinese is being enforced and several hundreds of Chinese have been expelled under this order since December 1st, withstanding the protest from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

CHINA AND THE AUSTRO-GERMAN
SHIPPING CONTRACT.CHINESE CABINET REFUSES TO
ACCEPT RENEWAL.

PEKING, December 7th.
It is semi-officially announced that the Peking Cabinet, at yesterday's meeting, resolved not to accept a renewal of the Austro-German Shipping Contract of 1914 as a *fait accompli*, and also to notify the Weichikop (Chinese Foreign Office) to accept this principle if application be made for the agreement to be definitely concluded.

THE RUSSIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM.

FIVE SHIPLOADS AT WOSUNG
FROM KOREA.

SHANGHAI, December 8th.
Five Russian vessels with refugees from Vladivostok, under the command of Admiral Stark, arrived at Wosung yesterday from Korea. Ten more are expected. Admiral Stark is negotiating with the Chinese authorities for permission to land, but the question is most difficult, as there is no work in Shanghai, and relief societies' funds are limited.

EARTHQUAKE SHOOKS NEAR
NAGASAKI.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE.

NAGASAKI, December 8th.
Several earthquake shocks have occurred at frequent intervals since early this morning at Shinabara, in the vicinity of Nagasaki. Considerable damage was done. One person in the city of Nagasaki was slightly injured.

THE NISHIHARA LOANS.
EMBARRASSMENT OF THE
SPECIAL BANKS.

CHINA'S FAILURE TO PAY.

Life is short, but long last the consequences of the rash actions, says the *Japan Chronicle*. The manes of the late Count Terauchi are perhaps at rest, but it will be long before some of his actions as Premier cease to trouble the nation. It will be remembered that the sum of Y.100,000,000 was loaned to the Chinese Government by three of the Japanese "special" banks—the Kogyo (Industrial), Chosen (Korea) and Taiwan (Formosa), under the Terauchi Ministry and according to its recommendations, the loan being popularly called the Nishihara loan because it was negotiated through Mr. Nishihara Kamezo, Terauchi's private agent. In order to raise the funds, so-called "Industrial Bonds" were issued to the extent of Y100,000,000 by the Industrial Bank, the Government standing surety for the payment of the principal and interest. But so far from paying any part of the principal, the Chinese Government has been unable to pay even interest on the loan from this year, and the three banks concerned, which were already embarrassed by the slump without this additional burden, are, says the *Asahi*, in great difficulties about the payment of interest, to begin with, which annually amounts to Y.7,500,000 and for which the three banks are liable in equal parts; but they are much more severely exercised about the redemption of the bonds which mature some in May 1923 and others in May 1924. As the Chinese Government is so circumstanced that it is impossible even to foretell when (if at all) it will be able to settle the loan, and as the banks concerned are in such difficulties that they find it no easy matter even to raise sufficient working capital for their own purposes, it is evident that something should be done by the Government which has guaranteed the payment of the Chinese loan, but of the bonds floated in order to raise the wherewithal of the loan. The authorities realising their liability in this connection, so says the *Asahi*, to have come to the resolution after prolonged investigations and negotiations with the management of the three banks involved, that the "Industrial Bonds" should be renewed, with Government guarantee, when they fall due at dates already mentioned and that as for interest for the current year not forthcoming from the Chinese Government, the amount to be received back by the Government should be subsequently paid by the Chinese Government. To this end it is believed that the sum of Y.7,500,000 will be included in the additional budget for the next fiscal year.

FAILURE TO HYPOTHECATE CUSTOMS
REVENUE.

According to the *Jiji*, the idea was at one time entertained of converting the "Industrial Bonds" into exchequer bonds, but considering that it would be impossible even to give a plausible explanation to the Diet if there should be no hopes of getting the loan (for the purpose of which the bonds were issued) settled by the Chinese Government, it was thought necessary to arrange with the debtor even merely nominal ways and means of repayment. A representative of the Industrial Bank has accordingly been in Peking for some months past, carrying on negotiation with the Chinese Government with a view to have part of the surplus revenue arising from the increase of the Chinese tariff rates to 5 per cent, of the actual value of imports furnished as security for the redemption of the principal. Somehow or other, however, the negotiations have entirely miscarried. As a result the project of converting the "Industrial Bonds" into exchequer bonds has also been unavoidably abandoned.

CHINA'S CHIEF JUSTICE IN
ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 7th.
The new Chief Justice of China, who is at present in England engaged on deodifying Chinese law, appeared on the bench beside Mr. Justice Shearman during a murder trial at the Central Criminal Court.

ANGLO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

CORDIAL TOASTS AT SIMPSON'S.

LONDON, December 7th.

There were cordial Anglo-Japanese toasts at Simpson's restaurant on the occasion of the Knights of the Round Table farewell entertainment to Prince Tadashige Shimadzu.

OPTUM CONTROL.

COMPARISON BETWEEN HONGKONG
AND STRAITS SETTLEMENTS POLICIES.

LONDON, December 7th.

Commenting editorially on the recent Home Office optum statement, the *Manchester Guardian* lays stress on the comparative ineffectiveness of the policy of the Straits Settlements, where difficulties might be expected to be less than in Hongkong. The paper points out there was increased consumption in the Straits from 1918 to 1920, and remarks that possibly the severity of the measures taken in Hongkong against offenders may have something to do with the difference in the results achieved.

THE PASSER-BY.
III.—WINTER SPORTS IN THE FAR
EAST.

To-day I am to write for half an hour

in praise of a pastime which I do not think is much indulged in by residents at Hongkong. It is a sport most glorious, and facilities for its enjoyment exist not so far away if the distance be looked at from the Far Eastern point of view. The particular sport I have in mind is that of ski-ing. Last winter I happened to be passing by Japan and there met a friend who asked me to go ski-ing. In Europe, a visit to Switzerland during the month of January is an event towards whose consummation I devote all the cunning and energy Heaven has granted me, but out East—surely such joys were out of the question.

Nevertheless I was persuaded to make

the venture.

We left Ueno station at eight one evening and in the small hours of next morning we were ejected from our sleepers on to the snow-covered platform of a wayside station two hundred miles from Tokyo. A tramp of four miles through woods brought us to the door of a shack which was the home-made residence of my friend and his companion—an Australian officer. There was a moment of intense anxiety, for my friend expressed the "hope" that the cook had not gone to Tokyo and "locked up" the house. This, it seemed, was his habit when his masters went to town and left him in charge. He had, indeed, left for the metropolis, but to my relief, and my host's surprise, we found his brother-in-law, also a lady of considerable personal attractions. Her exact status I never ascertained.

After breakfast we set out for a small village called Akabura-Onsen, (Onsen meaning "hot springs") which was perched high on the lower slopes of the mountains. By noon we were wallowing in the hot baths of Akabura's only inn. Concerning this inn I can only say that its situation was as charming as its name. It was called "The Inn of the Fragrant Cloud." We looked out through the side of our room and saw that far below us lay the valley which cuts athwart the mountainous backbone of Japan and permits the railway to cross the main island from West to East. Through this valley the river Asa dashes with torrential speed at the bottom of deep ravines. On the further side of the valley an immense mass of mountains, peak behind peak, their tangled, close-knit confusion glistening in the sunshine, filled the horizon for a hundred miles around. Far away to the Eastward a faint haze of blue hinted at the Sea of Japan. Behind us, rising sheer above our fragrant cloud a great peak stabbed the heavens with black-robed top on which no snow could lie.

To the West, a lake enshrined in pine trees lay waiting for the day when our skis and skaters will brush smooth its frozen surface. All around us lay the snow. To the right and left of Akabura there stretched the perfect ski-ing slopes. Slopes of such gentle angle that any Swiss hotel would pay to import them for the use of beginners; slopes of medium angle for the exercise of "S" turns; slopes of thrilling precipity for the bird-like rush of the straight run; slopes dotted with clumps of fir trees, admirable field for an exhibition of wood-rumping.

Here, in the midst of such ski-ing ground as is hard to find in Switzerland and where found is tracked-marked by crowds until the snow looks like the rail approaches to Clapham Junction, we abode three days. Each evening as the mountain tops flushed pink and the freezing snow crackled crisply behind us on the homeward run we came back to Akabura and the fragrant cloud. Betwixt, wet and weary (for even experts bite the snow on occasion) and straightway plunged into the hot spring baths which were fed by water spouted from the belly of a great leonard gargoyle. This feast was connected by bamboo pipes to a spring deep beneath the snow a quarter of a mile up the hill and night and day he poured forth his steaming contents. Then to our room, to lie in warmed kimono on the deep silk futons, whilst a slender young daughter of Japan played daintily with the samisen and served us with countless tiny cups of tea. One day we devoted to mountain-climbing on skis and upon that day we achieved feats useless to describe because no one would believe them; then sadly we returned to the hideous mediocrity of Tokyo.

The memory of old Japan, a Japan unknown to tourists, unspoiled and very beautiful, remained to keep fresh to our minds the hope that perhaps once more we shall strap on our skis and swiftly fly across the glorious slopes of Akabura-Onsen.

Note.—The *Passer-by* would be glad to import immediate details such as those pertaining to expenses, to anyone who is thinking of going North this season.

TO-NIGHT'S KOWLOON THEATRE
DANCE.

A special dance at which the theatre's

own American jazz band will play is to

be held at the Kowloon Theatre this evening.

The week-end picture at the Kow-

loon will be "A Midnight Romance,"

featuring dainty Anita Stewart.

Last year 734 persons were killed and

19,601 injured on the railways of Great

Britain and Ireland as compared with

201 killed and 25,623 injured in 1920.

SUN YAT SEN.
HIS ADVICE TO JAPAN DURING
THE WAR.

If Japan had aided the Teutonic

Powers in the World War, all Asia would have risen against the Whites, and to-day there would have been an Asia controlled by the Asiatics. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, former "President" of the Canton Government, has declared in an interview with a representative of the *Jiji* at Shanghai.

"In joining in the World War on the side of the Allied Powers, Japan failed to utilize the golden opportunity of making Asia exclusive for the Asiatics," said Dr. Sun. "Such an Asia would have opposed the Whites, especially the Anglo-Saxons. At the beginning of the World War, I wrote Mr. Inukai, president of the Kokuminto, urging Japan to assist the Teutonic Powers, thereby impairing the relative strength of the Anglo-Saxons and balancing the power of the world. The result of such a situation would have been the promotion of the position of Japan to the real leadership of the Asiatics. But Japan did not accept my advice, thus letting slip a heaven sent opportunity of making herself the leader of the Orient."

"If Japan had understood what is called high politics, and if she had been bold enough to declare war against the allies Annam and Singapore would have risen in arms against France and England. There is not the slightest doubt but that the Indians would have revolted against Great Britain and that the Turks and Chinese would have recovered their national consciousness and supported Japan in her effort to unite Asia."

"As it is, Japan participated in the war on the side of the Allied countries with the result that realization of the Pan-Asiatic plan has been delayed indefinitely. As Japan has shown herself incapable of seizing this opportunity, it will be China that will be called upon to make Asia a place for Asiatics in the future."

"In the early days of the World War, I called upon various Japanese statesmen of influence and urged them to use their weight in influencing public opinion in favour of participation on the side of Germany. They, however, refused to listen to me seriously. Some of them, indeed, showed agreement with my view, but when it came to action, they hesitated. And the result is that the best opportunity of making Asia Asiatic in every sense has been lost."

A CHANCE TO UNDO WRONG.

"It is not too late for Japan to undo what she did blindly during the war. If Japan really wishes to see Asia controlled by the Asiatics, she must promote relations with the Russians. Russians are Asiatics. There runs in their veins Asiatic blood. Japan must make common cause with the Russians in opposing the aggression of the Anglo-Saxons. In shaking hands with Russia in the work of asserting the rights of the Asiatic alone, she has hope of salvation from the catastrophe to which Japan and the other Oriental countries are being forced by the unsuitable ambition of Anglo-Saxons."—*Japan Advertiser*.

FRANKING MACHINE.

ABOLISHING STAMPS IN BUSINESS
OFFICES.

It is probable, says *The Observer*, that in the near future an automatic self-registering machine will obviate the necessity for stamping letters in a large number of business offices. The Universal Postal Franking Machine Company have installed a model at their offices, Morning Post Buildings, Strand, which can frank about 3,000 letters per hour, when operated by hand. A high-speed machine, driven by electrical current, it is claimed, can dispose of 24,000 letters per hour. The machine has been in successful operation in New Zealand for over ten years, and the company which has acquired the patent has already received a large number of orders in this country from banks, insurance companies, and business houses, which have to deal with large masses of correspondence.

On the front of the machine is a dial indicator, which can be set to represent varying postage fees, and inside there is a self-registering meter, which is detachable. The meter is taken to the General Post Office, and an amount is paid down in advance, equal to the varying rates of postage estimated to be required by the owner. The meter is then sealed by the Post Office and replaced in the machine. When the sum for which it has been sealed is exhausted, the meter looks itself and has to be reset at the Post Office. By touching a lever, the user can adjust the machine to any sum required, and it will frank all kinds of postal matter, the opening at the side being self-adjusting.

The machines will not be for sale, but will be hired out by the company, in the same way as gas-meters are hired, and the fees will be on a graduated scale, according to the model required.

An American machine for franking letters, driven by electricity, has been employed in the United States for some years, and two of these machines, it is understood, have been in operation in London for some months.

While the automatic franker is likely to be largely employed in business offices, where the saving of time would obviously be considerable, it is unlikely that the machine will be suitable for ordinary private correspondence.

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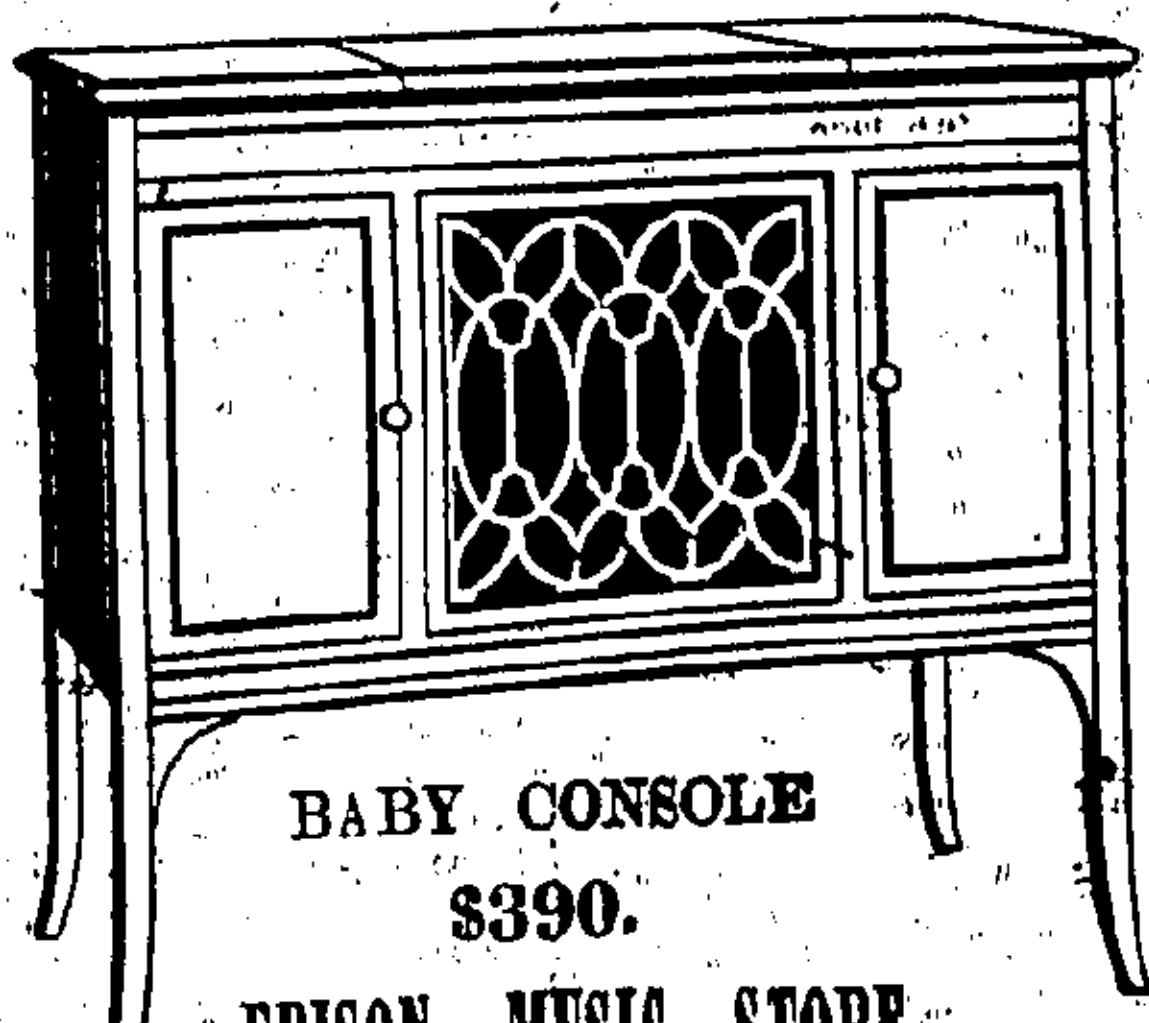
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A CAPITAL LEVY.

MR. CLYNES EXPLAINS.

TRANSFER OF POSSESSIONS.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, speaking at Hemel Hempstead, on November 1st, said: "There is an angry discontent abroad, and the patience of great groups of suffering people cannot be bought off by the further assurance that a Committee will deal with unemployment. The suffering which has been endured by the workless, homeless, and by all who feel the heavy burden of a bungled peace has impelled, should bring from a new Cabinet, not a declaration of legislative idleness, but a bold and cheering pronouncement of intention to face problems of government, just as both the rich and poor men of the nation bravely faced tasks of national danger in the years of the war. Those who on platforms and in the Press preach a doctrine of antagonism against the working-class and their leaders, and who describe as 'a common enemy' millions of men who saved them in the years of the war are the real enemies of revolution, and are helping to make that very spirit of Bolshevism which they wish to ally. I would look with despair upon the future of Britain if all classes had to regard questions of national government from the narrow standpoint of class interests. But men who cannot look upon government as an instrument for shielding and uplifting the millions who are down are unfit to have anything to do with public work. Their attempts to secure votes by labels and compromises which the electors will ignore, deserve the contempt of all who would rather suffer defeat than win a victory by concealing from the public their real beliefs.

"The intolerable taxation which the middle and lower classes have to carry cannot be endured without end. What is the remedy? The Government has none to offer. By no plan of economy can the State save as much in a year as we must pay every day in war interest alone. Interest must be paid until the money is repaid. Ordinary taxation, savings, or sinking fund devices will not avail. The debt can be paid only by some transference of private possessions to the State. No one would be called to forfeit anything he could not afford. Just as when the call for life was urgent, and all who were fit and free had to fight, so now, when the call for wealth is urgent, those who can pay should be made to pay. They may dislike doing their duty, but I think little of the honour of men who I think little of others to put their lives at the call of their country's need, and who will not now, in a state of security and ease, put their hands in their pockets and rid us of the enemy of debt, which is a fruitful cause of heavy taxation, unemployment, and dislocated trade. Indeed, those who were compelled to yield a little wealth, soon find that it would quickly return to them in War Loan repaid, and in better conditions of commerce and trade. Either this plan must be tried, or the country must be told frankly that the burden made by the war is a burden to be carried for all time."

THE SCHEME OUTLINED.

The proposals of Labour in regard to a capital levy for the redemption of war debt are set out in a special pamphlet officially issued. It suggests that the minimum of capital above which the levy should begin might be about £25,000, after deducting all mortgages and other debts and liabilities, so as to exempt all small property-owners and all those now exempt from income-tax. A graduated scale is set out as follows:

	Per cent. of fortune.
£25,000 would pay nothing.	
£25,000 to £50,000 would pay 1.2	
£50,000 to £75,000 " " 3.2	
£75,000 to £100,000 " " 5.6	
£100,000 to £125,000 " " 10.8	
£125,000 to £150,000 " " 14.0	
£150,000 to £175,000 " " 19.3	
£175,000 to £200,000 " " 25.6	

The maximum rate of 60 per cent. is that of the present income-tax (6s. in the £) and super-tax (5s. in the £). It is estimated that a levy on this scale would yield 8,000 millions, "apart from that owed to the United States Government, and reduce the annual debt charges by about 160 millions."

WHAT A CAPITAL LEVY WOULD MEAN.

"A most dangerous expedient" was the description given by Sir Josiah Stamp, the well-known economist and statistician, of the Labour party's proposal of a capital levy, in the tentative interview with a Press representative. "At least three fundamentals are essential," he said, "in order to avoid grave financial and economic damage in imposing a levy upon capital."

The first is that there should be an absolute political guarantee that such a levy would not be repeated. Under present circumstances, I cannot see how such a guarantee could be given which would be binding upon any parties that may come into power in the future.

"Secondly, a capital levy must form a true substitute or definite relief for future income-tax. The Labour party has expressly refrained from stating that there would be any relief for income-tax payers who would be affected by a capital levy; in fact, they contemplate the increases of income-tax in addition to the levy. This condition has been assumed by every economist who has seriously considered the question, such as Professor Piggon, and if the Labour party is to ignore all expert opinion on the matter, they will adopt an ill-considered and economically unsound policy of their own."

"Thirdly, the most stable price conditions are necessary before the question of (Continued as foot of next column.)"

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SIR A. MOND AND CAPITAL LEVY.

Sir Alfred Mond speaking at a Young Liberal League meeting at Swansea, said the capital levy was as vicious in principle as it was impossible in practice. Capitalism was not a thing one could pick up and hand over in pieces without feeling any result. Capital was in the mines, railways, factories, workmen's tools, trade union funds, and savings bank deposits. If everyone wanted to sell shares and land the slump would be enormous. They could not take out machines from factories and sell them for taxes. Where would the workmen get but "in the street." Capitalism was the mainspring and energy of all industry and all future progress. We had heard of the fight of the mark, and if a capital levy were imposed, we might witness the fight of the government. Another proposal, nationalisation, staggered him even more. Business without competition dropped off. What good would nationalisation be to the workers? They would be much worse off. The miners did not want nationalisation; they wanted to take the mines for the miners.

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SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Thursday	14th Dec.	10 a.m.
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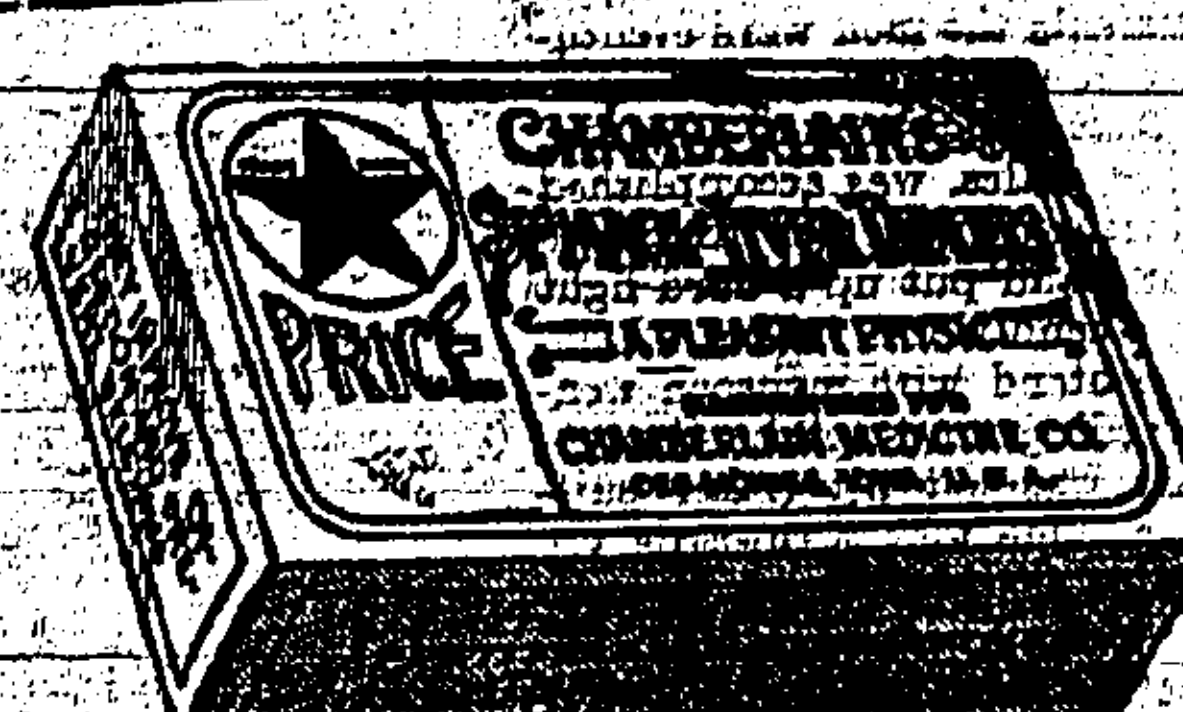
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"KARDINIA"	4,800	24th Jan.	do.
"KILMORE"	4,800	7th Feb.	do.
"DELTA"	8,000	21st Feb.	do.
"KHIVA"	9,000	7th Mar.	do.
"MOREA"	1,000	31st Mar.	Bombay, Mar. L. don. & A. w. p.
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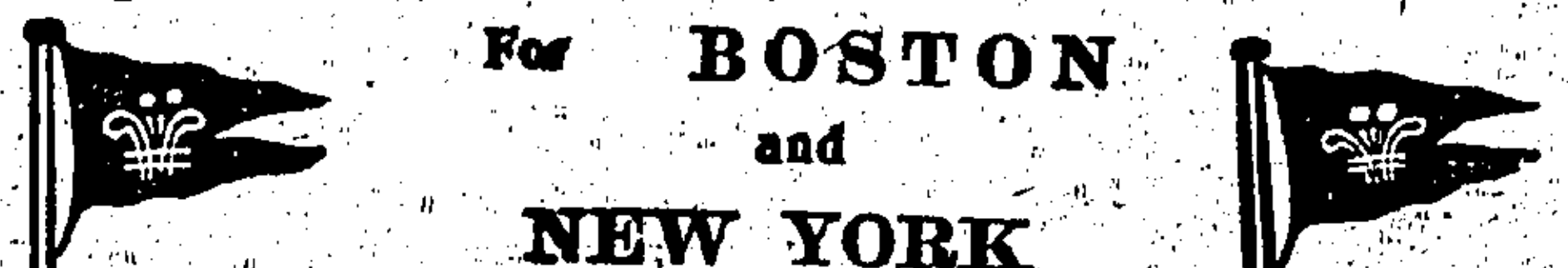
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SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 13th Dec. 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 14th Dec. 4 p.m.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & HOLO	"TAMING"	On 15th Dec. 10 a.m.
HOLO, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 16th Dec. 10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUICHOW"	On 17th Dec. D.L.
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Straits		
Shanghai		
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Pakhoi and Haiphong		
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Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow		
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.		
Central and South America and		
EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.		
due Victoria, B.C., 2nd Jan. 1923		
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow		
Philippine Islands, Australia & New		
Zambia, via Thursday Island—due		
Thursday Island, 20th Dec.		
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow		
Philippine Islands		
Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.		
Mauritius, South Africa, India		
Aden, Bombay, Aden, Egypt		
EUROPE via MADAGASCAR		
due Madagasc., 28th Jan. 1923		

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD

FROM G. P. O. FOR	ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Tai O	10.00 A.M.	10.00 A.M.
Tai Po	9.40 A.M.	9.40 A.M.
Cheung Chaw	1.00 P.M.	11.00 A.M.
	4.00 P.M. except Saturdays	5.00 P.M.
	6.00 P.M.	
Shataukok, Shatin, Sheungshui, Antau, Fung Shan and San Tin	2.30 P.M.	11.00 A.M.
Aberdeen, Sai Kung and Stanley	4.30 P.M.	
Macao	7.15 A.M.	Sunday, 8.15 A.M.
	4.15 P.M.	Holiday, 7.15 A.M.
		8.15 P.M.
Canton and Samaha	7.30 A.M.	5.00 P.M.
	Reg. 5.00 P.M.	
	Letters 6.00 P.M.	
*Canton (By Train)	4.00 P.M.	10.00 A.M.
Wuchow	6.00 P.M.	5.30 P.M.
	Saturdays, 6.00 P.M.	
Kongmoon	8.30 P.M.	5.00 P.M.
Namtau and Samme		9.30 A.M.
Shumchun		

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE

REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICES

LONDON SERVICE

"PHEMIUS"	9TH DEC.	London, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
"ALCONOUS"	11TH DEC.	Amsterdam, London & Hamburg.
"MENTOR"	28TH DEC.	London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

"MERIONES"	20TH DEC.	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"OANFA"	23RD DEC.	Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"KEEMUN"	20TH JAN.	Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE

"TALTHYBIUS"	19TH DEC.	Victoria, Seattle & Vancouver.
"TYNDAREUS"	12TH JAN.	

NEW YORK SERVICE

"CALOHA"	24TH DEC.	via Suez.
"MAOHAON"	15TH JAN.	via Suez.
"NINGOHOW"	5TH FEB.	via Suez.

PASSENGER SERVICE

"MENTOR"	9TH DEC.	for Shanghai.
"MENTOR"	23RD DEC.	for Singapore & London.
"TERRESIAS"	12TH FEB.	for Singapore & London.
"PYREUS"	9TH APR.	for Singapore & London.

FOR FREIGHT, PASSAGE RATES AND ALL INFORMATION APPLY TO BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE (HONG KONG & SHANGHAI) LTD.

COMMERCIAL

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

8th December, 1922.	
On London.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	—3/4
Bank Bill, on demand	—3/4 3/16
Bank Bill, at 30 days sight	—
Bank Bill, at 6 months sight	3/4
Credit, at 1 month sight	3/4 3/16
Documentary Bill, at 6 months sight	—
On Paris.—	
Bank Bill, on demand	—765
Credit, at 1 month sight	—805
On New York.—	
Bank Bill, on demand	—53 1/2
Credit, at 60 days sight	—50 1/2
On Hongkong.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	—
Bank Bill, on demand	—176 1/2
On Shanghai.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	—
Bank Bill, on demand	—176 1/2
On Hankow.—	
Bank Bill, at sight	—
At 30 days sight	—
On Yokohama.—	
On demand	—110
On Manila.—	
On demand	—108
On Singapore.—	
On demand	—114 1/2
On Batavia.—	
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